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| | 19826 10-12-51 | Question whether the Commr. of Police and the Dist. Magistrates would be in a better position to prepare the lists of persons qualified to serve as juniors. | 1-2 |

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Office of the R.L.A.

These papers have been referred to R.L.A. with a request to advise whether the view taken on each point in the Home Department note is correct and whether any other authority remains to be specified.

2. The Home Department note does not disclose any point or points of law on which opinion of the R.L.A. is required, except in the matter of appointment of an officer for preparation of the jurors' list. It is proposed by Home Department to appoint the Commissioner of Police for Greater Bombay and the District Magistrates for the districts and these officers have been selected for their magisterial experience. Section 20(3) of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951 whereunder the appointment is to be made enacts:

"such Officer as may be appointed by the State Government in this behalf shall prepare and make out in an alphabetical order a list of persons residing within the State who by reason of their journalistic experience or of their connection with printing presses or newspapers or of their experience in public affairs are qualified to serve as jurors."

These provisions do not require that the officer who will be appointed by the State Government should necessarily be a person with magisterial experience, However, if Home Department considers that the Commissioner of Police orthe District Magistrates would be in a better position to prepare the lists there is no objection to appoint them.

No other authority remains to be specified and as regards republication of the Government of India's notification, it is for the administrative Department to republish it in the Bombay Government Gazette.

Id/-J.R.D. 10/12
Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

U.R. to H.D. No. 19826, dated the 10th December 1951.

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